

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 Jan 53 23/0845Z	2. LOCATION Honshu, Japan
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (Meteor)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object appears to be a meteor, although a very sketchy report.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Description very vague - round object red to blue-green to white fell downward at angle of 70°. Observed only 2 seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE WSW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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COUNTRY <i>More than one</i> Japan	REPORT NO. FLY03RPT 1-53	RELEASER/CLASS <i>23 Jan 53</i>
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects	FROM: <i>AF</i>	TO: <i>Dir of Intel, FEALOGFOR, APO 323</i>
AREA REPORTED Tachikawa, Honshu, Japan.	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 January 1953	EXPLANATION B-2
REPORTER Davis B. Potter, Captain, USAF <i>Reference to content in this document, previous report, etc., is prohibited.</i>	USAF Personnel	
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SUMMARY: (Enter in one sentence of report. Give signature in final one sentence of paragraph. For information of user, if this is a high priority report, AF Form 112, Part 11.)

The following is a report of an unidentified flying object observed from FEALOGFOR Air Base, Honshu, Japan and is tentatively placed over Tachikawa City, Honshu, Japan. This report contains little data of a technical nature that could be used in identifying the objects, but it serves to verify the observation.

The object was observed by T/Sgt. [REDACTED] and S/Sgt. [REDACTED], both members of Headquarters Squadron Section, FEALOGFOR, APO 323. Both airmen observed the object from the approximate center of FEALOGFOR Air Base near the intersection of 14th Street and F Avenue. The object appeared to the East Northeast of their position, towards Fuchu and Tokyo. The time of observation was 1745 hours, 23 January 1953. The sky to the east was darkening although the western sky was lit by the setting sun.

The length of observation was short, not more than two seconds. The object appeared high in the sky, travelled downward at an angle of 70 degrees from the horizontal, appearing first as red, then changing to blue-green, and then to white before disappearing. The trail was more than ten times the object's diameter in length and followed the same color sequence as the object.

Both airmen made estimates as to size, altitude and distance, but because no single factor could be verified, these estimates are considered unreliable. One airman placed the size of the object as near that of a basketball and later stated that the trail was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long. It was also stated that the object diameter was $1/10$ the length of the trail, or approximately 26 feet. Since these two size estimates vary so greatly, no credence can be given the altitude and distance estimates, because they would depend upon the size.

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Director of Intelligence

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Dir of Intel, FBILOGFOR, APO 323 FLYCOMPT 1-53 1000 2 2 1000

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1. Air Weather Service personnel state that Radiosonde balloons traveling in a high wind away from the observer have been known to give an appearance similar to that described, with reflections from the equipment giving the appearance of a trail; however the only balloons launched in the Tokyo area were at 1200 and 1800 local time. These balloons, launched from Hamada AB, traveled rapidly south-south to east in the opposite direction from "Peach-Pea".

GEORGE D. HASTINGS
Colonel, USAF
Director of Requirements
Directorate for Intelligence

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